

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT**



Application No. 13583, of Howard University, pursuant to Sub-section 8207.2 of the Zoning Regulations, for a special exception under Paragraph 3101.46, for a proposed addition to the Howard University Library in an R-5-B District at the premises 2454 4th Street, N.W., (Square 3057, Lot 92).

HEARING DATE: October 21, 1981

DECISION DATE: October 21, 1981 (Bench Decision)

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. The subject property is located in an R-5-B District on the west side of 4th Street north of College Street, N.W.

2. The subject property is located within the main campus of Howard University. The site is bordered on the east by 4th Street, on the north by Howard Place and on the east by the existing Founder's Library. All property within 200 feet is owned by Howard University.

3. The subject site is presently vacant.

4. The University proposes to construct an addition to the library to be used primarily for the undergraduate program. The building will consist of three stories, two of which will be below grade.

5. The building will contain approximately 100,000 square feet of floor area, devoted to stacks, computer space, and other library-associated uses.

6. The facility is designed to better serve the existing student population and not to increase student capacity. The library addition will be operated by existing library employees.

7. The proposed addition is consistent with the previously approved campus plan for Howard University, and is consistent with the plan approved by the Board at its September 2, 1981, meeting.

8. There are no additional parking spaces required for the proposed building addition.

9. The roof of the building will be designed as a plaza with planters and seating.

10. The Office of Planning and Development, by memorandum dated October 16, 1981 and by testimony at the hearing, recommended that the application be approved. The OPD found that the proposed addition is consistent with the Howard University campus plan. The OPD further found that the application will not impair the intent and purpose of the Zoning Regulations. The Board concurs with the findings and recommendations of the OPD.

11. The Department of Transportation, by memorandum dated October 16, 1981, reported that it had identified no adverse impact on the surrounding street system. The DOT noted that parking for the library is included under the campus plan, and that no additional parking is required for this project. The Board so finds.

12. There was no report from Advisory Neighborhood Commission - 1B.

13. There was no opposition to the application.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND OPINION:


Based on the findings of fact and the evidence of record, the Board concludes that the applicant is seeking a special exception. In order to be granted such an exception, the applicant must demonstrate that it has complied with the requirements of Paragraph 3101.46 and Sub-section 8207.2 of the Zoning Regulations. The Board concludes that the applicant has so complied. The proposed addition is consistent with the campus plan and will not create dangerous or objectionable traffic conditions.

The Board further concludes that the special exception can be granted as in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and maps and will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property in accordance with said regulations and maps. It is therefore ORDERED that the application is GRANTED, SUBJECT to the CONDITION that the addition shall be constructed in accordance with the plans marked as Exhibit NO. 8 and 10 of the record.

VOTE: 4-0 (Charles R. Norris, Douglas J. Patton, Connie Fortune and William F. McIntosh to GRANT; Walter B. Lewis not voting, having recused himself).

BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

ATTESTED BY:

  
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STEVEN E. SHER  
Executive Director

FINAL DATE OF ORDER:

JAN 11 1982

UNDER SUB-SECTION 8204.3 OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS, "NO DECISION OR ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN DAYS AFTER HAVING BECOME FINAL PURSUANT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BEFORE THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT."

THIS ORDER OF THE BOARD IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDER, UNLESS WITHIN SUCH PERIOD AN APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES, INVESTIGATIONS AND INSPECTIONS.